

	Cents	Dollars
90° Centrifugals N. Y. Per lb. Per ton.	4.405	\$88.10
Price, Hawaiian basis		
Last previous quotation.	4.515	\$90.30

Naval Board Finds Battery Explosion Sunk F-4

ALLIES' LOAN CUT IN HALF ON ADVICE OF J. P. MORGAN

Entente Will Have No Difficulty In Obtaining Half a Billion On Own Terms, It Is Believed, Despite Teutonic Opposition

STANDARD OIL GROUP MAY HELP FINANCING

Bryan Denounces Project, Asserting It Will Practically Make The United States One of the League of Germany's Enemies

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, September 17.—The proposed loan to be floated by the Anglo-French commission has now shrivelled from a billion to half a billion, according to Wall Street gossip, and it is believed that the Allies will have no difficulty in securing this amount on the terms offered by them despite the nation-wide campaign that is being conducted.

It is reported that J. P. Morgan has allowed it to be known that the commission is not in need of a billion dollars and has decided to cut the original request in two. Yesterday, in a secret session, Mr. Morgan and the financiers associated in the Morgan interests met the commissioners and canvassed the situation with them, after which it was stated that the flotation of a half million dollar loan for the establishment of war credits is going to prove a comparatively easy matter. Standard Oil Interested

A further report is that the financiers of the Standard Oil group, headed by John D. Rockefeller Jr., are considering terms under which they will take up a portion of the loan.

In the meantime the opposition line created by the German-American Alliance is growing in intensity. Yesterday, Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Chicago published a letter protesting against the issuance of such a loan in America, predicting that if the Allies succeed in securing the huge amount asked for it will invite a reversion in the United States of the financial panics of 1873 and 1903.

If there be any such amount of money in the United States available for foreign loans, says the Chicago senator, it should be loaned to the governments of South America, where it will be used in the building up of trade with the United States.

Bryan Fights Loan
William Jennings Bryan, who is at Washington, has also come out in public protest against the loan, stating that the taking up of the notes of the Allies on such a scale will prejudice the neutrality of America and make this country practically one of the Entente Allies.

At Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a statement was issued last night by the national president of the Verahoy Aid Society, a Magyar association, which says that the society will withdraw its fund, amounting to half a million dollars, from the banks if the loan to the Allies is undertaken.

The statement also contains an appeal to the members of the society and all friends of Austria-Hungary to withdraw their personal deposits from any bank participating in any way with the Allies' loan.

RUMANIA MAY CAST LOT WITH TEUTONICS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, September 16.—Rumania may shortly enter the war on the side of the Teutonic Allies, according to intimations in German newspapers. According to a despatch from Copenhagen, the newspapers are publishing telegrams indicating that Rumania's participation may be expected soon.

GERMANS STILL ADVANCE SLOWLY AGAINST SLAVS

While Teuton Drive At Russian Center Progresses, Petrograd Is Optimistic

MUSCOVITES WINNING ON FRONT IN GALICIA

Troops of Czar Now Are Well Supplied With Munitions - For Winter

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, September 17.—Although the Germans continue to advance slowly on both the north front and against the Russian center, the despatches from Petrograd are optimistic, it being believed there that the Russians now have the situation well in hand and that further decisive steps against them are impossible.

On the south, the Russians are repeating their successes and have already driven the Austro-Germans back across the Stripa River to the west. This has necessitated an Austro-German retreat along the entire Northern Galician line to prevent a Slav turning movement against the tip of the right wing.

Von Mackensen Cuts Railroad
Von Mackensen has penetrated the Pripiet marsh district on the center and has cut the Brest-Litovsk-Gomel railroad at Prinak, the Russians retiring before his advance, carrying on a series of rear guard actions.

The Russians are now well supplied with munitions for their fall and winter campaign, both Great Britain and France having shipped huge quantities to their ally by way of Archangel, while supplies from Japan are pouring in over the Siberian railroad system. The shipment of munitions from the west into Russia will now cease and the Allies will be able to devote their entire attention to supplying their own demands.

Duma Is Prorogued
The duma was prorogued yesterday until December 15, while a meeting of representatives of the various district councils of Russia and of municipal leagues has been called, to meet in Moscow next week.

An imperial ukase has issued calling in the reserves of the territorial army. A careful tabulation will be made of the ages, number and districts from which these reserves are called so that future resources in men may be understood.

It is reported that the Czar has granted amnesty to all political prisoners. These number, it is estimated, 100,000, and many of them will be available as soldiers.

The Petrograd correspondent of the London Times quotes General Polivanoff, Russian minister of war as follows: "We are confident of our ability to safeguard Petrograd. Our armies can stand the winter without inconvenience. Everything is ready for that purpose."

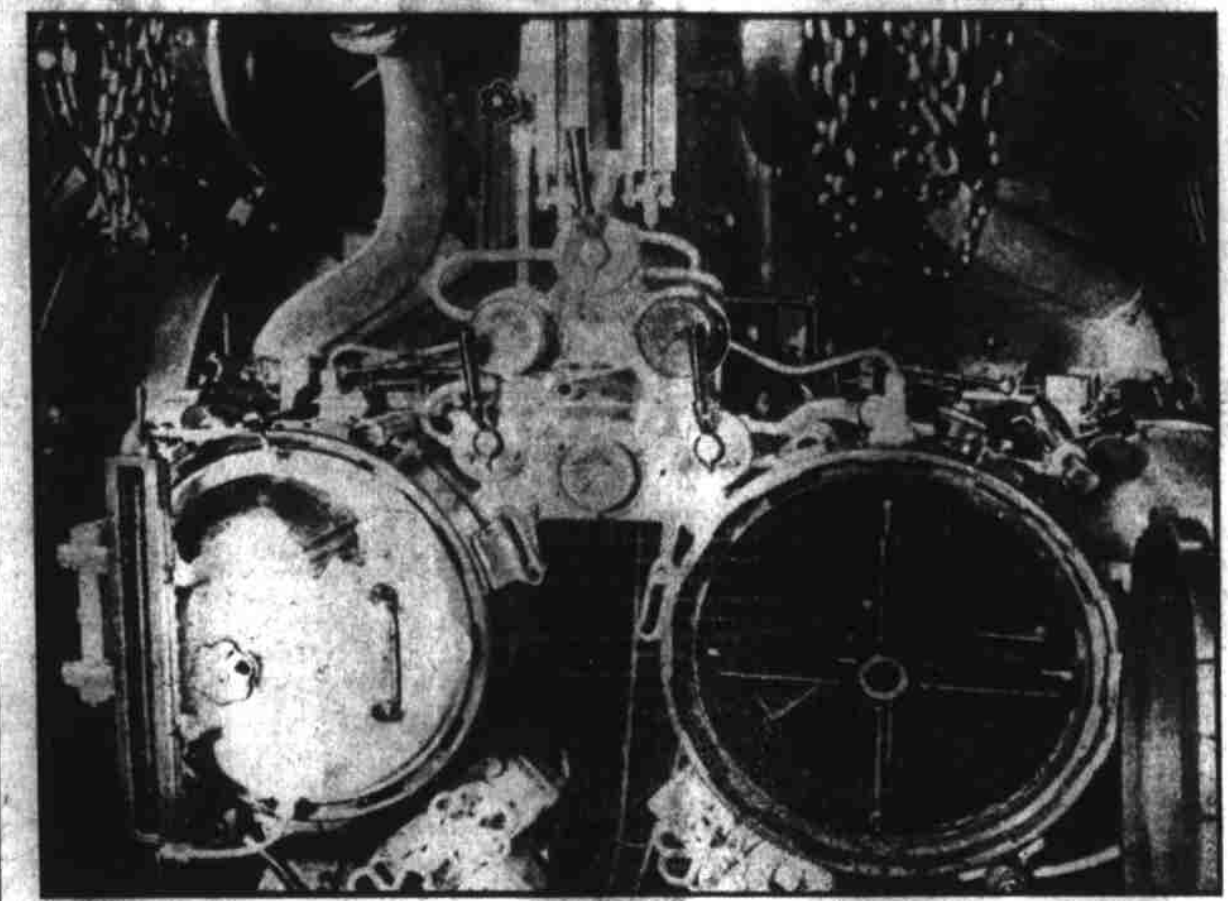
New Army of 2,000,000

"A new force of 2,000,000 men will be trained far behind the fighting line and will be ready to take the field in the spring. General Ruzsky is commander-in-chief of the Petrograd front with several armies at his immediate disposal. It is my settled purpose to do everything in my power to work in harmony with the Duma and public opinion." General Polivanoff, says the correspondent, characterized the suggestion that the allies were not helping Russia to the utmost of their power as "senseless gossip."

FIGHTING IS LATENT ALONG WESTERN LINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, September 17.—Fighting on the western front is subsiding, nothing but relatively unimportant artillery duels having been reported today. Nothing but artillery fighting is reported from the Austro-Italian front also.

TORPEDO TUBES of German Submarine—On Left, Shut, Ready To Shoot, and On Right, Open, Showing Propeller of Torpedo In Tube and 'Lid' of Cylinder Thrown Back



NINE AMERICANS TOLL ON BORDER

This Number and One Hundred Mexicans Have Been Killed in Fighting

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BOWNSVILLE, Texas, September 17.—One hundred Mexicans, five American soldiers and four civilians have been killed in the fighting occasioned by raids of bandits from the other side of the Rio Grande.

This total was announced yesterday following the death of an American soldier from wounds he received in a skirmish with Mexicans Monday.

The celebrations of Mexican Independence Day have passed with no serious outbreaks. This is believed to have been due to the stern precautions taken by the military.

BRITISH CONSUL MAY FLEE

WASHINGTON, September 17.—The British consul for Chihuahua and Sonora may flee the country with all American consuls and consular agents there. He was instructed yesterday by the British embassy to confer with American officials regarding the advisability of withdrawing from Mexico. American consuls and consular agents have been ordered out because of the semi-anarchistic conditions prevailing in the northern states.

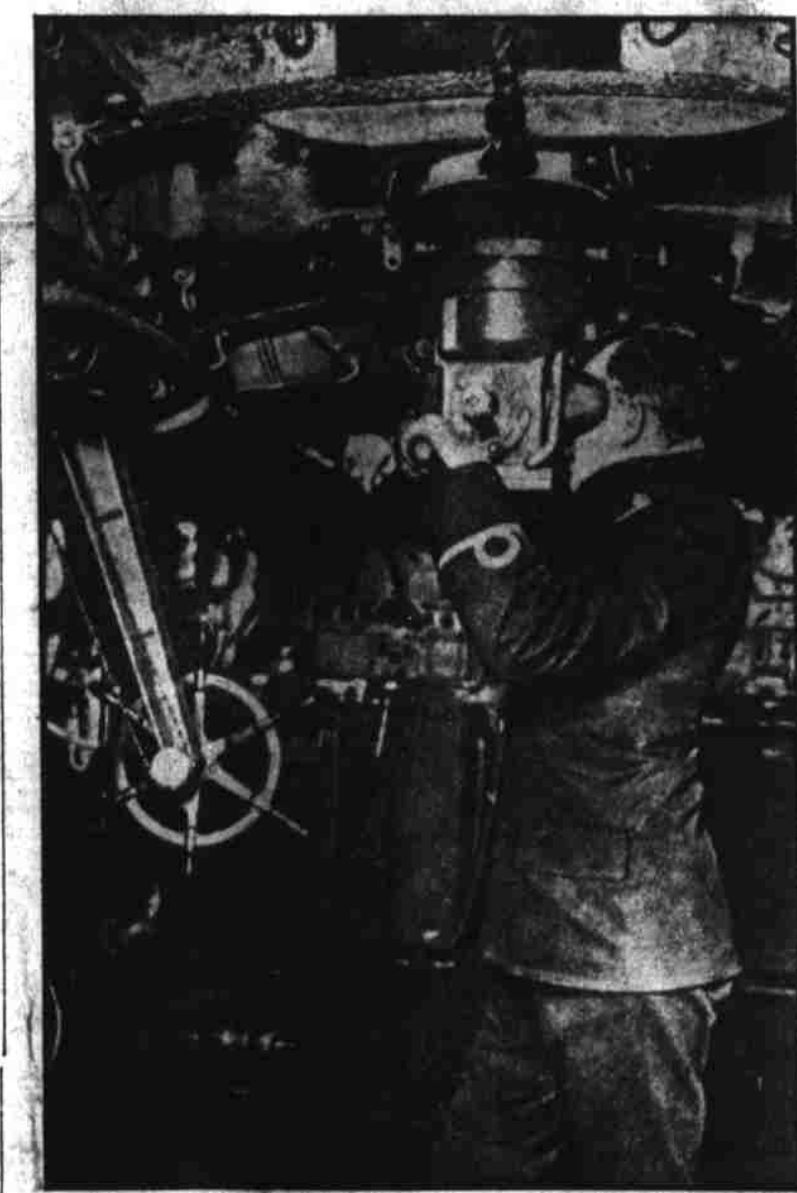
SOUTH-WESTERN FLOODS WORK IMMENSE DAMAGE

BARTLESVILLE, Oklahoma, September 17.—The floods which followed the cloudburst over parts of Missouri, Kansas and this state, are the worst in the vicinity of Bartlesville. One person has been drowned, \$500,000 damage has been done to property and train service has been demoralized. The Caney river, which has overflowed its banks and swept through the countryside, continues to rise. The crest of its flood is expected to be reached today.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA CHARTERS TWO SHIPS

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipco.) TOKIO, September 18.—The Toyo Kisen Kaisha has chartered the steamer Panama Maru and one other from the Osaka Shosen Kaisha. These steamers will ply between San Francisco and Yokohama, stopping en route at Honolulu. On the Oriental run they will also call at Hongkong. The Panama Maru will sail from Yokohama October 1 for San Francisco.

OFFICER At Periscope of German Submarine, Through Which He Takes Observations Over the Surface of the Sea



MESSAGE IS EN ROUTE FROM STEFANSSON PARTY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) OTTAWA, Canada, September 17.—Hope that the members of the Stefansson polar exploring party may not have perished was revived here yesterday when it was announced that a message was en route from the expedition to Ottawa, via Nome, Alaska.

HARVARD PROFESSOR COMMITS SUICIDE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BOSTON, September 16.—Professor Ezra, dean of the Harvard law school, was found today in the Charles River. He had committed suicide.

FRANCE WILL RAISE ANOTHER GREAT LOAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, September 16.—A bill for the appropriation of a billion dollars for the expenses of France for the remainder of this year was introduced in the chamber of deputies today. France has already advanced to her allies one hundred and thirty millions.

ELEVEN EDITORS OF JAPAN WILL VISIT HONOLULU SOON

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipco.) TOKIO, September 18.—Eleven editors of as many Japanese papers which support Premier Okuma will visit Honolulu and California to investigate the condition of the Japanese there. They will sail Friday, September 25.

WASHINGTON NAVY YARD HAS NEW COMMANDANT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, September 17.—Capt. James H. Glennon, U. S. N., has been appointed commandant of the Washington navy yard and superintendent of the yard factory. Captain Glennon formerly was commander of the Battleship Wyoming.

BARON SHIGYO WILL RETURN

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipco.) SAN FRANCISCO, September 17.—Baron Shigyo, a member of the Japanese fair commission, will return to Japan, December 18, on the Shigyo Maru, it was announced yesterday by H. Yamawaki, commissioner in chief.

BRITISH PRIZE COURT DECIDES SEIZURES JUST

Four Cargoes of Meat Products From America Declared Contraband of War

THEY WERE INTENDED FOR USE OF GERMANS

This Is Ruling of Tribunal—Washington Will Wait—Packers Lose Heavily

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, September 17.—The decision of the British prize court concerning the cargoes of four of the fifteen steamers seized by the British blockading cruisers while carrying meat products to Malmoe, Sweden, was rendered yesterday, the prize court upholding the validity of the seizures and ordering the cargoes sold as legitimate prizes. The cargoes consist almost wholly of lard, designed, according to the British contention, for the manufacture of nitro-glycerine.

Sir Edward Carson, the British attorney-general, who appeared for the crown before the prize court, argued that the cargoes should be considered contraband, although ostensibly shipped to a neutral purchaser in a neutral port, because of the incontrovertible proof available that the products were for trans-shipment to Germany for the use of the German department of war. The confiscated cargoes are valued at \$15,000,000.

In pronouncing judgement Sir Samuel Evans, president of the court, said that the ships were carrying many times the excess of the normal lard consumption of Sweden. He added that the crown has overwhelming assurances that the cargoes were intended for reshipment to Germany.

WASHINGTON WILL WAIT

WASHINGTON, September 17.—No immediate action will be taken by the government in regard to the decision of the British prize court in the case of the confiscation of meat products, it was announced yesterday.

It is understood the packers will exhaust all their legal resources before invoking aid of the government.

COMPLETE LOSS TO PACKERS

CHICAGO, September 16.—The packing house products confiscated by the British government are a complete loss to the Chicago packers, there having been no advance payments made by the purchasers, according to statements by packers today.

FRANCE TO ORGANIZE AN ARMY OF YOUTHS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, September 17.—France is preparing to call into service for the front 400,000 boys of eighteen and nineteen years.

If peace prevailed these boys would not begin their compulsory military training until 1917.

The class of 1916 already has been drilled in the rudiments of warfare and is ready to break camp and reinforce the army at the front.

It is probable the contingent will be despatched within a few weeks.

STRIKE CAUSES GREAT CONGESTION OF FREIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, September 16.—Thousands of tons of freight, most of which is war munitions for export, are accumulating in the yards of the West Shore railroad owing to a strike of longshoremen. The longshoremen deny that the strike is the result of the propaganda of agitators on behalf of the Germanic nations. They are demanding a wage increase.

REPORT WILL STATE FACTS CLEARING UP CATASTROPHE

Conclusions of Investigators, Which Will Be Forwarded To Washington, Based On Observations of Expert Electricians

FUSES WERE BLOWN OUT OF ALL FOUR OF THEM

Theory of Cause of Accident Advanced By The Advertiser At Time Submarine Went Down In Fairway Proves To Be Correct

WHILE nothing has been given out officially in regard to results of the investigation made into the causes of the disaster which killed the crew of the submarine F-4, and sent that craft a dead ship to the bottom of the sea off Honolulu harbor, it is known that the board of investigation will report to Washington that a battery explosion was the direct cause of the accident. This report will not be given out by the navy department for some time yet, but when it is officially made public it will be learned that what The Advertiser advanced the morning after the F-4 was lost as the probable cause has since been proven correct.

Battery Fuses Blown Out

When the hull of the F-4 had been drained and entered, as it lay upon the drydock, the first work of the investigators was to secure a report from the flotilla electricians upon the condition of the batteries. The electricians reported that in each of the four batteries the fuses had been blown out. To create such a condition there must have been a battery explosion, resulting in a short-circuiting and the blowing out of the fuses.

It is upon this condition, as revealed, that the board will undoubtedly base its official report, although absolutely no confirmation is to be obtained from any of the members of the board of investigation.

Similar Previous Explosions

There have been previous explosions in this type of boats in Honolulu, caused by water leaking into the batteries. Shortly before the fatal explosion on the F-4, there was a minor explosion, caused by water in her batteries. At that time, luckily for the men, they were aboard the mother ship Alert at mess. This explosion did considerable damage to the battery deck.

There are four batteries on this type of boats, two forward, and two aft and the examination showed that the fuses in each of the four had been blown out. When the parts of the batteries had been located in the hull of the F-4, the particular sections containing the fuses were in good enough condition to justify the foregoing findings.

K Boats' Sailing Delayed

Cable Advices to Lieut. Kirby B. Crittenden, flotilla commander, are that the four K-class submarines probably will sail from San

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